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Warren F. Underwood 1st Lt.

Dec 17, 1944
Somewhere in France

Dear Mother & Folks

Mail sure did come in two days ago. Got 7 letters from Mother, Marion & Em. It was all old mail but never the less it was great receiving it.

In one of the letters it mention that John was turned down. I know he wanted to get in but I am happy that he didn't, because if he had of gone in the Navy as he wanted to he probely would be down in the South Pacific fighting those Japs in no time at all.

Well at last we are in barracks & sure does feel good to have a roof over your head. It seems funny not sleeping in a foxhole but it also seems great not having to. The fighting is getting tougher all the time. The old Fifth is now in Germany when I left them we were a little behind Metz. I hope to stay in this outfit for a little while but I don't think any except compared with what Joe Infantry has to go through. My ear is back to normal. The doc says it will not go back up for awhile at least because a loud noise may really do a job on it next time.

Glad to hear that Eddie Dailey is believed to be safe.

Tell Marion that she is right about skating. Both had to get over here especially in an outfit like the fifth. Was acting Sgt on one machine gun for about 8 days before I got hurt the last time, but was only acting. Sure would love to hear from Alan Landry. Please give me my address. Glad that the kids haven't forgotten me & know I haven't forgotten them. Glad Ed Meneny got home. Guess he must be a Sgt by now. Also that Lt McDonald is at last home. Thanks for those Air-Mail stamps. They all come in handy & can use

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very one of them. Please try & send some stockings & handkerchiefs
I am sending a $20.00 money order home. Please
try & get a pair of civilian shoes for me. Sold my last
pair in England because I could not take them to
combat with me. Guess it will be quite a job
getting them but please try. Use this money I am
sending home to get them. If there is any money
left put it in the bank for me. Thanks a million
Please keep that mail coming.

Love to All
"Dick"

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